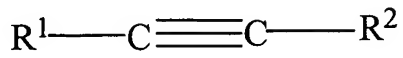
1. (Currently amended) A compound according to the structure:



where R^1 is an

optionally substituted  group;

R_a is a H, OH, a C_1-C_{10} optionally substituted alkyl or alkenyl group, an optionally substituted O-(C_1-C_7 alkyl group) or O-aryl group, an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C_1-C_{10} alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, biphenyl group, (C_1-C_6) alkylenearyl group, (C_1-C_6) alkylenebiphenyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C_1-C_6) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C_1-C_6) alkylene heterocyclic group;

R^2 is a  group;

R_b is a H, OH, C_1-C_{10}, optionally substituted alkyl or alkenyl group, an optionally substituted O-(C_1-C_7 alkyl group) or O-aryl group, an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C_1-C_{10} alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, biphenyl group, (C_1-C_6) alkylenearyl group, (C_1-C_6) alkylenebiphenyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C_1-C_6) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C_1-C_6) alkylene heterocyclic group;

with the proviso that at least one of R^1 and R^2 contains an R_a or R_b group which is an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C_1-C_{10} alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, biphenyl group, (C_1-C_6) alkylenearyl group, (C_1-C_6) alkylenebiphenyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C_1-

C_6) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C_1-C_6) alkylene heterocyclic group;
or a stereoisomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt~~,~~ or solvate~~, and polymorph~~ thereof.

2. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_a is OH or an optionally substituted O-(C_1-C_7 alkyl group) or O-aryl group; and
R_b is an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C_1-C_{10} alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or an optionally substituted aryl group, biphenyl group, (C_1-C_6) alkylenearyl group, (C_1-C_6) alkylenebiphenyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C_1-C_6) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C_1-C_6) alkylene heterocyclic group.

3. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_a is OH.

4. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_a is an optionally substituted O-(C_1-C_7 alkyl group) or O-aryl group.

5. (Original) The compound according to claim 2 wherein R_a is an optionally substituted O-(C_1-C_7 alkyl group) or O-aryl group.

6. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 2 wherein R_a is an optionally substituted O-(C_1-C_7 alkyl group).

7. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_b is an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C_1-C_{10} alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, biphenyl group, (C_1-C_6) alkylenearyl group, (C_1-C_6) alkylenebiphenyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C_1-C_6) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C_1-C_6) alkylene heterocyclic group.

8. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 2 wherein R_b is an amine group

which is optionally substituted with at least one C_1-C_{10} alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, (C_1-C_6) alkylenearyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C_1-C_6) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C_1-C_6) alkylene heterocyclic group.

9. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 4 wherein R_b is an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C_1-C_{10} alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, (C_1-C_6) alkylenearyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C_1-C_6) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C_1-C_6) alkylene heterocyclic group.

10. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_a is an optionally substituted O-(C_1-C_7 alkyl group) and R_b is an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C_1-C_{10} alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, (C_1-C_6) alkylenearyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C_1-C_6) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C_1-C_6) alkylene heterocyclic group.

11. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_b is an amine group which is optionally substituted with a single cyclohexyl group, an optionally substituted phenyl group, or an optionally substituted benzyl group and R_a is a O-(C_1-C_3 alkyl) group or an O-phenyl group.

12. (Original) The compound according to claim 2 wherein R_b is an amine group which is optionally substituted with a single cyclohexyl group, an optionally substituted phenyl group, or an optionally substituted benzyl group and R_a is a O-(C_1-C_3 alkyl) group or an O-phenyl group.

13. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 4 wherein R_b is an amine group which is optionally substituted with a single cyclohexyl group, an optionally substituted phenyl group, or an optionally substituted benzyl group and R_a is a O-(C_1-C_3 alkyl) group or an O-

phenyl group.

14. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

15. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 2 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

16. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 3 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

17. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

18. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 5 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

19. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 6 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

20. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 7 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or

excipient.

21. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 8 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

22. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 9 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

23. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 10 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

24. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 11 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

25. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 12 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

26. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 13 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

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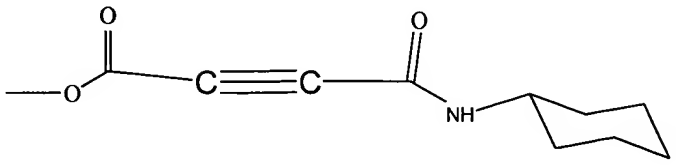
31. (Currently amended) A ~~composition according to claim 1~~ compound according to the chemical structure:



32. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 31 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.